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SUBJECT: KRUGER COMMENTS ON BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS

1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE, POLICE, AND PRISONS JIMMY KRUGER

REPORTEDLY COMMENTED IN AN AUGUST 16 ADDRESS TO THE NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS IN NATAL THAT THE POLICE ARE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON MEMBERS OF BANNED BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS TO PREVENT THEM FROM REGROUPING. FRONT PAGE "RAND DAILY MAIL" ARTICLE QUOTED KRUGER AS SAYING "WHEN I BANNED THEM, I KNEW THESE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD NOT FADE AWAY. THEY ARE ALWAYS THERE, BUSY REORGANIZING AND MOVING FORWARD. LET ME TELL THEM DIRECTLY - WE ARE ALSO ALWAYS THERE, BUSY SEEING THAT OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE ARE SAFE."

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS ACCOUNTS, KRUGER STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE (ALL WHITE) NATIONAL UNION INSTITUTE, AND THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS (YCW). IN REFERENCE TO NUSAS' RECENT DECISION TO PROMOTE "WHITE CONSCIOUSNESS" AMONG ITS MEMBERS, KRUGER SAID

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NUSAS HAD, IN EFFECT, "CAPITULATED" TO THE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT BY ABANDONING ITS PRIOR GOAL OF STRIVING FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE RACES.

3. KRUGER REPORTEDLY ALLEGED THAT THE BANNED CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE HAD CONSTRUCTED A THEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION TO SUPPORT THE USE OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND QUOTED A SPEECH GIVEN ABROAD BY

THE BANNED AND SELF-EXILED CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OFFICIAL JANE PHAKATI AS PROOF OF THE INSTITUTE'S ALLEGED CONDONING OF VIOLENCE. KRUGER SAID THAT BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ADVOCATES WERE OPERATING AS CLOSE TO THE CHURCH AS POSSIBLE SO THAT SAG ACTION AGAINST THEM WOULD BE SEEN AS MOVEMENT AGAINST THE CHURCH. IN SUPPORT OF THIS VIEW, KRUGER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS GOING TO PRESENT CARDINAL OWEN MCCANN WITH EVIDENCE FROM A TRIAL OF TWO CONVICTED YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS SENTENCED TO PRISON UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. KRUGER ALSO CHARGED THAT LAOBR MOVEMENTS CONSTITUTE "AN ENEMY STRATEGY TO MOBILIZE WORKERS AT THE LABOR LEVEL" AND ALLEGED THAT "ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY ARE COMING FROM ABROAD TO ORGANIZE WORKERS IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY."

4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO JUSTIFYING PAST SAG SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, KRUGER HAS PRESENTED THE PARTY FAITHFUL WITH AN OSTENSIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION AGAINST CHURCH RELATED GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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